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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed 05/27/2005, applicant hereby requests an extension of time in which to respond (fee transmittal sheet enclosed) and responds as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.